***PASSPORTS***

* $135
* will ship in 4-6 weeks

***IMMUNIZATIONS***

Vaccines are recommended for these diseases before traveling to Russia:

-Polio

- Hepatitis A & B

- Rabies

-Encephalitis

***LIVING THERE***

Good Neighborhoods:

-Downtown, Western, South Central areas are safest

-http://www.oksanas.net/St\_Petersburg\_1br\_Flats/N64-1/N64-1.asp

* $152, summer session, >29 nights
* one bedroom, apartment on third floor
* large tv, Jacuzzi, wifi, washer/dryer, full kitchen, cleaning service every three days, all linens and towels provided
* main area of downtown St. Petersburg
* lined with historic buildings and hub of entertainment and nightlife

***GETTING AROUND THERE***

*METRO*

* trains arrive every 2-3 minutes
* open 5:45 a.m. and close between midnight and 12:30
* cleanest and deepest in the world
* 25 rubles per entry regardless of distance
* pay with prepaid tokens

*TRAMS*

* more scenic, slower
* 21 rubles, purchase from conductor sitting at tram

*PRIVATE/GYPSY CABS*

* taxis run constantly, more expensive at night
* private taxis- anyone’s private car, it is considered normal to flag down a personal car and pay them to drive you to your destination
* gypsy cabs- linger near popular bars and restaurants, not very safe, high instances of robberies and kidnappings

*ROUTE TAXIS*

* no regular stops, must wave down and direct where to go
* usually 20-27 rubles

*BUSES/TROLLEYS*

* cheap and frequent, 21 rubles
* usually overcrowded
* buses to suburbs- 19-36 rubles
* will be fined 100 rubles for traveling without valid ticket